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Modes of killing dogs adopted by the various municipalities.

* 468 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of those municipalities which have adopted the method of killing dogs by means of clubs during summer season, once in a year;

(b) the names of other municipalities which have adopted other kind of methods for killing dogs together with the method of catching or killing in each case; and

(c) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) and (b), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have no information and do not consider it necessary to call for it.

The question of limiting the destruction of stray dogs to the Lethal Chamber method is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to clauses (a) to (c) the Government have declined to call for the information. May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to allow people to kill dogs by means of clubs in these days of advancement and enlightenment?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"The Government have already issued instructions to adopt more humane methods."

*Education.**Admission of the depressed classes students in the Government College, Coimbatore.*

* 469 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that one Vellingiri, member of the depressed classes, was denied admission into the Coimbatore Government College, when he sought admission into the first form on producing the school-leaving certificate on the 9th June 1925;

(b) the number of pupils belonging to the depressed classes reading in the Coimbatore Government College in each form;

(c) the number of teachers belonging to Brahman, Non-Brahman, Christian, Muhammadan and other communities employed in the Government College; and

(d) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (c), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) Yes; the Government are however informed that the Principal subsequently wrote to the hon. Member informing him that as a vacancy had arisen in the class he would be prepared to admit the boy.

(b)—

							Number of pupils.
VI Form	1
V	5
IV	Nil.
III	2
II	2
I	8

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(c)—

	College department.	School department.
Brahmans	5	18
Non-Brahman Hindus	2	3
Christians	1	Nil.
Muhammadans	Nil.	Nil.
Other communities	Nil.	Nil.

(d) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" I have got the letter written by the Principal of the Government College. He says :—" It is regretted that Vellingiri Pandaram cannot be admitted in the First Form ". After making representations to the Principal and to the higher authorities, the Principal came to the conclusion that the boy might be admitted. I want to know why that Adi-Dravida boy was not admitted originally. The Principal sent a note asking me to send the boy after making a good deal of agitation. Why should that be the case ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The Principal thought that the full complement of the class was there and that he could not admit any more boys. But afterwards some of the boys who were admitted did not turn up and there were vacancies; and the Principal was glad to admit the Adi-Dravida boy."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" He did not assign any reason in the note sent to me. May I take it that he coolly declined to admit the boy owing to caste prohibition ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I am not able to make the inference that it is owing to caste prejudice that the boy was excluded from the school."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Affairs of the Tiruturaipundi taluk board.

470 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the existence of an obstructionist party in the Tiruturaipundi taluk board;

(b) whether it is true that by virtue of its numerical majority this party obstructs all business at the taluk board meetings solely with a view to ousting the present incumbent of the presidentship of the taluk board;

(c) whether in the course of their obstruction these members were reported by the president of the taluk board to have behaved in a very objectionable and unseemly manner;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to interfere in the matter; and

(e) if so, what action has been or is being taken thereon?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

(c) to (e) The questions do not arise.